Civic Operations Desk Reference

Controls, roles, records, and review cycles

CIVIC OPERATIONS COLLECTION
Civic Operations
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Where This Book Fits

> **Collection:** CIVIC OPERATIONS COLLECTION
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> **Pathway:** Civic Operations
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> **For:** Operational leaders and reviewers
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> **Purpose:** Provide quick cross-references without duplicating full manuals.

How to Use This Book

Read from the beginning for a guided introduction, or use the contents and topic finder to locate specific material. Source modules retain their recorded order and identity. Where local law, policy, or professional direction applies, consult the controlling authority.

Connection to the Civic Station Library

This volume is part of the Civic Station Universal Core library. The source archive remains the durable record; this book provides a reader-oriented route through selected material.

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Main Content

Selected Source Materials

> This section presents selected source materials related to the purpose of this volume.

Universal Core Records Operations Framework

CSA-2303 Civic Station Architecture Universal Core Records Operations Framework

Purpose

This document establishes the Universal Core Records Operations Framework for the Civic Station Universal Core. It defines enterprise standards for the day-to-day creation, capture, classification, storage, retrieval, maintenance, transfer, retention, and disposition of official organizational records to ensure they remain accurate, accessible, secure, and operationally useful throughout their lifecycle.

Definition

Universal Core Records Operations is the coordinated enterprise execution of policies, procedures, and activities that manage official records throughout their operational lifecycle while supporting organizational effectiveness, regulatory compliance, and public accountability.

Objectives

- Standardize enterprise records operational practices. • Ensure records

are created and maintained consistently. • Support efficient storage and retrieval. • Maintain records integrity throughout their lifecycle. • Promote continual operational improvement.

Guiding Principles

1. Records operations shall follow approved governance and policies.

2. Operational procedures shall be standardized across the enterprise.

3. Records shall remain accurate, complete, and retrievable.

4. Lifecycle activities shall be documented and auditable.

5. Operational excellence shall be continuously improved.

Records Operations Domains

Records Creation - Record creation - Record capture - Metadata assignment - Initial classification

Records Organization - Filing - Indexing - Repository management - Version control

Records Access - Search and retrieval - Authorized access - Distribution - Information requests

Lifecycle Operations - Retention execution - Transfers - Archiving - Disposition

Operations Improvement - Operational metrics - Process optimization - Lessons learned - Continuous refinement

Records Operations Process

1. Capture and classify official records.

2. Store records within approved repositories.

3. Maintain records integrity and accessibility.

4. Retrieve and distribute records as authorized.

5. Execute retention, transfer, and archival activities.

6. Perform approved disposition actions.

7. Continually evaluate and improve operational performance.

Records Operations Review Questions

- Are records consistently captured and classified?
- Are repositories organized and accessible?
- Are lifecycle activities properly documented?
- Can authorized users retrieve records efficiently?
- What operational improvements should be implemented?

Characteristics of Effective Records Operations

- Efficient • Reliable • Consistent • Secure • Auditable • Scalable •

Mission-Centered

Relationship to Other Frameworks

This framework extends:

- CSA-2300 Universal Core Records Management Architecture Framework
- CSA-2301 Universal Core Records Governance Framework
- CSA-2302 Universal Core Records Planning Framework

It complements the Data Management, Information, Technology, Knowledge, Risk, Quality, Performance, Resource, and Service Lifecycle architecture families by providing enterprise operational standards for official records.

Editorial Guidance

Records operations should ensure that every official record is consistently captured, organized, protected, retrievable, retained, and ultimately disposed of according to approved governance and lifecycle requirements. Civic Stations should continually improve operational efficiency while preserving authenticity, compliance, and public trust.

End of CSA-2303

Universal Core Records Operations Framework

CSA-2473 Civic Station Architecture Universal Core Records Operations Framework

Purpose

This document establishes the Universal Core Records Operations Framework for the Civic Station Universal Core. It defines enterprise practices for creating, maintaining, organizing, accessing, protecting, monitoring, and improving organizational records to ensure records remain accurate, available, controlled, and aligned with approved governance, plans, policies, procedures, lifecycle requirements, and mission objectives.

Definition

Universal Core Records Operations is the enterprise discipline of managing the active creation, maintenance, storage, access, protection, retrieval, and lifecycle activities associated with organizational records through structured methods, assigned responsibilities, operational controls, and measurable outcomes.

Objectives

- Standardize enterprise records management operations.
- Improve

coordination of records activities. • Support effective records creation, maintenance, and retrieval. • Protect records integrity and availability. • Promote continual records operations improvement.

Guiding Principles

1. Records operations shall follow approved governance and plans.

2. Records responsibilities shall remain clearly assigned.

3. Records activities shall be coordinated and documented.

4. Records information shall remain accurate and current.

5. Records operations shall continually improve.

Records Operations Domains

Records Creation Execution - Record creation activities - Classification application - Metadata capture - Quality validation

Records Administration - Records maintenance - Documentation management - Status tracking - Information organization

Records Access Management - Retrieval activities - Access controls - User support - Availability management

Records Lifecycle Operations - Active records management - Storage activities - Retention execution - Disposition activities

Operations Improvement - Performance analysis - Process refinement - Records optimization - Continuous improvement

Records Operations Process

1. Execute approved records management activities.

2. Maintain records information and documentation.

3. Organize and manage records access.

4. Monitor records condition and usage.

5. Resolve records issues.

6. Evaluate operational effectiveness.

7. Continually improve records operations.

Records Operations Review Questions

- Are records created and maintained effectively?
- Are responsibilities and controls coordinated?
- Is records information accurate?
- Are records accessible when needed?
- Which operational improvements should be prioritized?

Characteristics of Effective Records Operations

- Reliable • Controlled • Organized • Transparent • Repeatable •

Adaptive • Mission-Centered

Relationship to Other Frameworks

This framework extends:

- CSA-2470 Universal Core Records Management Architecture Framework
- CSA-2471 Universal Core Records Governance Framework
- CSA-2472 Universal Core Records Planning Framework

It provides the operational foundation for Records Compliance, Performance, Improvement, and Integration while complementing the Governance, Policy, Standards, Procedure, Process, Workflow, Task, Activity, Event, Incident, Problem, Change, Configuration, Asset, Service, Quality, Risk, Data, Information, Knowledge, Technology, Resource, and Lifecycle architecture families.

Editorial Guidance

Records operations should ensure organizations can actively manage records using structured, coordinated, and measurable practices. Civic Stations should continually improve records operations to strengthen transparency, accountability, institutional knowledge, reliability, accessibility, and mission success.

End of CSA-2473

Universal Core Records Operations Framework

CSA-2573 Civic Station Architecture Universal Core Records Operations Framework

Purpose

This document establishes the Universal Core Records Operations Framework for the Civic Station Universal Core. It defines enterprise practices for creating, organizing, maintaining, accessing, protecting, retrieving, and managing organizational records to ensure records remain accurate, available, controlled, and aligned with approved governance, plans, policies, procedures, operational requirements, and mission objectives.

Definition

Universal Core Records Operations is the enterprise discipline of managing the active creation, classification, storage, access, maintenance, protection, retrieval, and lifecycle activities associated with organizational records through structured methods, assigned responsibilities, operational controls, and measurable outcomes.

Objectives

- Standardize enterprise records operations. • Improve coordination of

records activities. • Support effective records creation, access, and maintenance. • Maintain records accuracy, availability, and accountability. • Promote continual records operations improvement.

Guiding Principles

1. Records operations shall follow approved governance and plans.

2. Records ownership and operational responsibilities shall remain

clearly assigned.

3. Records activities shall be coordinated and documented.

4. Records shall remain accurate, protected, and accessible.

5. Records operations shall continually improve.

Records Operations Domains

Records Creation Operations - Record creation - Classification activities - Metadata management - Initial validation

Records Administration - Records organization - Documentation management - Records tracking - Status management

Records Access Management - Retrieval activities - Access coordination - Availability management - User support

Records Lifecycle Operations - Active records management - Retention activities - Preservation activities - Disposition preparation

Operations Improvement - Performance analysis - Process refinement - Records optimization - Continuous improvement

Records Operations Process

1. Execute approved records management activities.

2. Maintain records information and documentation.

3. Manage records creation and organization.

4. Support records access and retrieval.

5. Protect and preserve records.

6. Evaluate operational effectiveness.

7. Continually improve records operations.

Records Operations Review Questions

- Are records created and maintained effectively?
- Are records organized and accessible?
- Are responsibilities and controls coordinated?
- Are records protected appropriately?
- Which operational improvements should be prioritized?

Characteristics of Effective Records Operations

- Reliable • Controlled • Organized • Accessible • Repeatable • Adaptive
- Mission-Centered

Relationship to Other Frameworks

This framework extends:

- CSA-2570 Universal Core Records Management Architecture Framework
- CSA-2571 Universal Core Records Governance Framework
- CSA-2572 Universal Core Records Planning Framework

It provides the operational foundation for Records Compliance, Performance, Improvement, and Integration while complementing the Governance, Policy, Standards, Procedure, Process, Workflow, Task, Activity, Event, Incident, Problem, Change, Configuration, Asset, Resource, Service, Quality, Risk, Data, Information, Knowledge, Technology, and Lifecycle architecture families.

Editorial Guidance

Records operations should ensure organizations can actively create, manage, protect, and provide access to records using structured, coordinated, and measurable practices. Civic Stations should continually improve records operations to strengthen accountability, transparency, institutional memory, resilience, and mission success.

End of CSA-2573

Universal Core Records Operations Framework

CSA-2653 Civic Station Architecture Universal Core Records Operations Framework

Purpose

This document establishes the Universal Core Records Operations Framework for the Civic Station Universal Core. It defines enterprise practices for creating, capturing, organizing, maintaining, accessing, protecting, preserving, and managing organizational records to ensure records remain reliable, available, controlled, and aligned with approved governance, plans, policies, procedures, operational requirements, and mission objectives.

Definition

Universal Core Records Operations is the enterprise discipline of managing the active execution, administration, maintenance, access, preservation, protection, and lifecycle activities associated with organizational records through structured methods, assigned responsibilities, operational controls, and measurable outcomes.

Objectives

- Standardize enterprise records operations. • Improve coordination of

records activities. • Support effective records creation, maintenance, access, and preservation. • Maintain records integrity, availability, security, and accountability. • Promote continual records operations improvement.

Guiding Principles

1. Records operations shall follow approved governance and plans.

2. Records ownership and operational responsibilities shall remain

clearly assigned.

3. Records activities shall be coordinated and documented.

4. Records shall remain accurate, accessible, secure, and trustworthy.

5. Records operations shall continually improve.

Records Operations Domains

Records Creation and Capture Operations - Record creation - Record capture - Record registration - Initial validation

Records Administration - Records organization - Classification management - Metadata management - Status tracking

Records Access and Support Management - Retrieval support - Access coordination - User assistance - Availability management

Records Preservation Operations - Preservation activities - Storage management - Integrity protection - Retention support

Operations Improvement - Performance analysis - Process refinement - Records optimization - Continuous improvement

Records Operations Process

1. Execute approved records management activities.

2. Maintain records structures and documentation.

3. Create, capture, classify, and organize records.

4. Support records access and preservation.

5. Protect records integrity and availability.

6. Evaluate operational effectiveness.

7. Continually improve records operations.

Records Operations Review Questions

- Are records activities performed effectively?
- Are records responsibilities and controls coordinated?
- Are records accurate, accessible, and protected?
- Are preservation activities documented?
- Which operational improvements should be prioritized?

Characteristics of Effective Records Operations

- Reliable • Controlled • Organized • Accessible • Secure • Repeatable •

Mission-Centered

Relationship to Other Frameworks

This framework extends:

- CSA-2650 Universal Core Records Management Architecture Framework
- CSA-2651 Universal Core Records Governance Framework
- CSA-2652 Universal Core Records Planning Framework

It provides the operational foundation for Records Compliance, Performance, Improvement, and Integration while complementing the Governance, Policy, Standards, Procedure, Process, Workflow, Task, Activity, Event, Incident, Problem, Change, Configuration, Asset, Resource, Service, Quality, Risk, Data, Information, Knowledge, Technology, and Lifecycle architecture families.

Editorial Guidance

Records operations should ensure organizations can actively create, manage, protect, preserve, and provide access to records using structured, coordinated, and measurable practices. Civic Stations should continually improve records operations to strengthen transparency, accountability, institutional memory, resilience, and mission success.

End of CSA-2653

Operations Terms Glossary

Title: Operations Terms Glossary

Purpose: Define recurring concepts used in OM handbooks and operational guidance.

Relationship to Universal Core: This glossary supports navigation of operational modules; it does not replace definitions or procedures in individual manuals.

Term: Procedure Definition: A documented sequence for completing a recurring task consistently. Related concepts: Workflow; control; responsibility Where to learn more: OM-002 and procedure-focused OM documents.

Term: Workflow Definition: The movement of work, information, decisions, and responsibility through defined steps. Related concepts: Process; handoff; coordination Where to learn more: Operational workflow handbooks and CSA workflow frameworks.

Term: Role Definition: A defined set of responsibilities and decision boundaries assigned to a person, team, or institution. Related concepts: Authority; accountability; competency Where to learn more: CSF-0020 and role-focused OM documents.

Term: Service Definition: An organized activity or capability provided to meet a public or community need. Related concepts: Operations; user; outcome Where to learn more: CSA-3210 through CSA-3218 and service-focused OM documents.

Term: Program Definition: A coordinated body of activities, resources, and responsibilities directed toward defined outcomes. Related concepts: Project; portfolio; evaluation Where to learn more: CSA-2200 through CSA-2208.

Term: Partnership Definition: A structured working relationship among organizations or people with shared objectives and clear responsibilities. Related concepts: Coordination; stakeholder; agreement Where to learn more: OM-007 and partnership-focused manuals.

Term: Outreach Definition: Planned communication and relationship-building intended to reach and involve people. Related concepts: Engagement; access; communication Where to learn more: OM-008 and outreach-focused manuals.

Term: Evaluation Definition: Systematic assessment of design, implementation, outcomes, and lessons. Related concepts: Measurement; evidence; improvement Where to learn more: Evaluation-focused OM documents.

Term: Continuity Definition: The ability to maintain or restore essential responsibilities through change or disruption. Related concepts: Resilience; succession; recovery Where to learn more: Continuity-focused OM and CSA documents.

Term: Record Definition: Information retained as evidence of activity, decision, responsibility, or result. Related concepts: Archive; documentation; accountability Where to learn more: CSF-0032 and records-management frameworks.

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Civic Station Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-002

CIVIC STATION OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended operational practices for day-to-day management of a Civic Station operating under the America Together 2028 Reference Edition.

Its objective is to help every station provide a consistent, professional, and trustworthy experience while allowing each community flexibility in how it serves local needs.

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2.

OPERATING PHILOSOPHY

Every Civic Station exists to serve its community.

Daily operations should emphasize:

- Service before recognition • Accuracy before speed • Transparency

before convenience • Collaboration before competition • Long-term trust over short-term success

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3. DAILY OPERATIONS
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Stations should regularly:

- Welcome visitors • Maintain current information • Assist with resource

navigation • Support volunteers • Monitor public communications • Review feedback • Keep facilities organized and welcoming

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4.

KNOWLEDGE MAINTENANCE

Station leadership should ensure:

- Published modules remain current • Outdated materials are identified •

Local information is periodically reviewed • New community resources are evaluated • Version information remains visible

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5.

VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS

Operations should include:

- Volunteer scheduling • Orientation for new volunteers • Ongoing

education • Recognition of service • Clear communication channels • Escalation procedures for difficult questions

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6.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Stations are encouraged to participate in:

- Community meetings • Civic events • Educational workshops • Volunteer

recruitment • Partnerships with local organizations • Public listening sessions

The station should be known as a reliable community resource.

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7.

RECORDKEEPING

Stations should maintain records appropriate to their mission, including:

- Volunteer information • Published local modules • Community

partnerships • Event history • Operational procedures • Improvement recommendations

Records should be preserved in accordance with applicable laws and organizational policies.

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8.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

At regular intervals, station leadership should review:

- Community feedback • Volunteer feedback • Operational effectiveness •

Training needs • Technology needs • Knowledge gaps

Improvements should be documented and communicated clearly.

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9. PERIODIC REVIEWS
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Stations should periodically verify that they continue to operate consistently with the applicable Civic Station standards.

Review topics may include:

- Accessibility • Knowledge quality • Volunteer readiness • Community

engagement • Operational procedures • Technology systems

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

Successful operations are measured not only by daily activity but by the trust, knowledge, relationships, and community capacity that accumulate over time.

A well-operated Civic Station should become a lasting civic asset that future generations can continue to build upon.

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Continuity And Emergency Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-015

CONTINUITY AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001 through OM-014

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook provides guidance for maintaining Civic Station operations during unexpected disruptions while protecting people, knowledge, and essential services.

Preparedness helps ensure that communities continue to have access to reliable civic information when it is needed most.

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2.

CONTINUITY PHILOSOPHY

The mission should continue even when normal operations cannot.

Plans should emphasize:

- Safety • Preparation • Flexibility • Communication • Preservation of

knowledge • Orderly recovery

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3. RISK ASSESSMENT
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Stations should periodically identify risks including:

- Severe weather • Utility outages • Technology failures • Building

access issues • Loss of key personnel • Communication disruptions

Document significant risks and possible responses.

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4.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Maintain current contact information for:

- Station leadership • Volunteers • Technology administrators • Partner

organizations • Property managers • Emergency services when appropriate

Contact information should be reviewed regularly.

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5.

KNOWLEDGE PROTECTION

Essential knowledge should be protected through:

- Regular backups • Multiple storage locations • Version preservation •

Recovery testing • Offline copies when practical

Knowledge preservation supports continuity.

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6.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

Plans should identify:

- Essential services • Critical responsibilities • Alternate meeting

locations • Remote operating procedures • Minimum staffing requirements

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7.

COMMUNICATION DURING DISRUPTIONS

Provide timely updates to:

- Volunteers • Community members • Partner organizations • Appropriate

stakeholders

Communications should be accurate, clear, and transparent.

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8. RECOVERY

After a disruption:

- Assess conditions. • Restore essential services. • Verify information

integrity. • Document lessons learned. • Update continuity plans.

Recovery should strengthen future preparedness.

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9. PERIODIC EXERCISES
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Stations are encouraged to periodically review and practice their continuity procedures to improve readiness and identify gaps.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The purpose of continuity planning is not simply to respond to emergencies, but to preserve the Civic Station mission, protect community knowledge, and ensure dependable service through changing circumstances.

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Organizational Resilience And Continuity Of Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-074

ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001 through OM-073

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for maintaining essential organizational functions during disruptions while supporting a timely and orderly return to normal operations.

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2. OBJECTIVES
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Continuity planning should:

- Protect essential services • Preserve organizational capability •

Improve preparedness • Reduce operational disruption • Support coordinated response • Strengthen long-term resilience

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3.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Organizations are encouraged to identify:

- Critical leadership functions • Essential communications • Key

operational activities • Vital records • Technology services • Community support responsibilities

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4. RISK

PREPAREDNESS

Continuity planning should consider disruptions such as:

- Severe weather • Utility failures • Technology outages • Facility loss
- Personnel shortages • Supply interruptions

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5. RESPONSE FRAMEWORK
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Response procedures should define:

- Roles and responsibilities • Communication methods • Decision

authority • Resource priorities • Recovery objectives • Escalation procedures

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6. RECOVERY PLANNING
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Recovery efforts should include:

- Damage assessment • Restoration priorities • Knowledge recovery •

Technology restoration • Operational validation • Lessons learned

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7. TRAINING

AND EXERCISES

Organizations are encouraged to periodically:

- Review continuity plans • Conduct tabletop exercises • Update contact

information • Validate procedures • Document improvements

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8.

DOCUMENTATION

Maintain records including:

- Continuity plans • Emergency contact lists • Recovery procedures •

Exercise reports • Improvement actions • Revision history

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9.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Continuity capabilities should improve through periodic testing, experience, organizational learning, and documented updates.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish Civic Stations that remain capable of serving their communities during adverse conditions through disciplined continuity planning, resilient operations, and continuous organizational improvement.

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Organizational Knowledge Management Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-096

ORGANIZATIONAL KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001 through OM-095

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for operating and maintaining knowledge management capabilities throughout the Civic Station network.

Knowledge management operations ensure that established systems, processes, repositories, and practices remain effective and useful over time.

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2. OBJECTIVES
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Knowledge management operations should:

- Maintain reliable knowledge resources • Support daily organizational

activities • Encourage participation • Preserve knowledge quality • Improve accessibility • Sustain long-term capability

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3.

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Knowledge management operations may include:

- Content maintenance • Repository administration • Knowledge reviews •

User support • Training coordination • Search improvement • Usage monitoring

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4. CONTENT MANAGEMENT
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Organizations should maintain knowledge resources through:

- Regular reviews • Accuracy checks • Version updates • Classification

maintenance • Retirement of outdated materials

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5. USER SUPPORT
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Operational support should help participants:

- Locate information • Understand knowledge resources • Contribute

improvements • Report issues • Access appropriate assistance

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6.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Organizations should monitor:

- Resource usage • Content health • Participation levels • Support

requests • Improvement opportunities

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7.

OPERATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Knowledge management operations should follow established:

- Policies • Standards • Procedures • Governance decisions • Security

requirements

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8.

DOCUMENTATION

Maintain records including:

- Operational procedures • Support guides • Maintenance schedules •

Usage reports • Review records • Improvement actions

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9.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Knowledge management operations should evolve through feedback, performance measurement, audits, technological improvements, and organizational learning.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish sustainable knowledge management operations that enable Civic Stations to maintain, improve, and effectively use organizational knowledge resources in support of long-term mission success.

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Architecture Terms Glossary

Title: Architecture Terms Glossary

Purpose: Define recurring terms used to read CSA framework families.

Relationship to Universal Core: This glossary supports the CSA series while preserving each framework's own definitions and scope.

Term: Architecture Definition: The overall arrangement of components, responsibilities, boundaries, and relationships. Related concepts: System; structure; dependency Where to learn more: CSA architecture-position documents.

Term: Governance Definition: Authority, accountability, oversight, decision rights, and stewardship. Related concepts: Policy; leadership; responsibility Where to learn more: CSA governance-position documents.

Term: Planning Definition: The process of defining objectives, priorities, resources, actions, and measures before execution. Related concepts: Strategy; roadmap; resources Where to learn more: CSA planning-position documents.

Term: Operations Definition: The organized execution and maintenance of ongoing responsibilities. Related concepts: Workflow; service; procedure Where to learn more: CSA operations-position documents.

Term: Compliance Definition: Alignment with applicable requirements, standards, policies, and documented controls. Related concepts: Audit; accountability; evidence Where to learn more: CSA compliance-position documents.

Term: Performance Definition: The measurable effectiveness, reliability, quality, and outcomes of a system. Related concepts: Indicator; evaluation; measurement Where to learn more: CSA performance-position documents.

Term: Improvement Definition: Structured learning and change intended to strengthen outcomes or correct weaknesses. Related concepts: Feedback; corrective action; learning Where to learn more: CSA improvement-position documents.

Term: Readiness Definition: Preparation of people, responsibilities, information, controls, and resources. Related concepts: Capacity; risk; preparedness Where to learn more: CSA readiness-position documents.

Term: Integration Definition: Coordinated relationships and interfaces among components or systems. Related concepts: Interoperability; dependency; coordination Where to learn more: CSA integration-position documents.

Term: Reserved framework position Definition: Protected architectural capacity intentionally left unavailable for ordinary assignment. Related concepts: Numbering; expansion; continuity Where to learn more: CSF-0008 and the reserved-number registry.

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- Civic Station Foundation Csa Architecture Map

CSF-0017

Civic Station Foundation CSA Architecture Map

Purpose

The Civic Station Foundation CSA Architecture Map provides a high-level navigation guide for the Civic Station Architecture (CSA) series within the Civic Station Universal Core library.

The purpose of this map is to help users understand how CSA documents are organized and how different civic system frameworks connect together.

What Is the CSA Series?

The Civic Station Architecture series provides structured frameworks for understanding civic systems.

CSA documents are designed to describe:

- What a civic system is
- How responsibilities are organized
- How planning occurs
- How operations function
- How performance is evaluated
- How improvement occurs
- How systems connect

The CSA series provides a common reference structure across different civic areas.

Architecture Family Structure

Many CSA system families follow a lifecycle model:

Architecture Framework

Defines the purpose, scope, structure, and major components of a system.

Governance Framework

Defines leadership, authority, responsibility, oversight, and accountability.

Planning Framework

Defines goals, priorities, strategies, resources, and preparation.

Operations Framework

Defines activities, processes, services, and execution.

Compliance Framework

Defines standards, requirements, reviews, and responsible practices.

Performance Framework

Defines measurements, evaluation, reporting, and assessment.

Improvement Framework

Defines learning, enhancement, innovation, and corrective actions.

Readiness Framework

Defines preparation, continuity, resilience, and capability verification.

Integration Framework

Defines coordination and relationships with other systems.

Reserved Framework

Preserves future expansion capacity and numbering continuity.

CSA System Organization

CSA frameworks may cover many areas of civic life, including:

- Governance systems
- Infrastructure systems
- Economic systems
- Environmental systems
- Health systems
- Education systems
- Public safety systems
- Community systems

System connections are important because communities operate as interconnected networks.

How to Use the CSA Map

A user may begin with a system question.

"What is this system?"

Begin with: Architecture Framework

"Who oversees this system?"

Begin with: Governance Framework

"How should this system be organized?"

Begin with: Planning Framework

"How does this system operate?"

Begin with: Operations Framework

"How do we evaluate this system?"

Begin with: Performance Framework

"How do we make this system better?"

Begin with: Improvement Framework

"How do systems work together?"

Begin with: Integration Framework

Relationship to OM and CSF

The CSA series is one layer of the larger Universal Core structure.

Civic Station Foundation (CSF): Provides orientation, navigation, rights, and stewardship information.

Operational Manuals (OM): Provides practical operational and community capability resources.

Civic Station Architecture (CSA): Provides structured system frameworks.

Together, these layers create a connected civic knowledge library.

Future CSA Expansion

The CSA architecture is designed to support future growth.

New frameworks should maintain:

- Clear document identity
- Consistent numbering
- Related framework structure
- Public documentation
- Version continuity

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- Civic Station Foundation Glossary Of Universal Core Terms

CSF-0023 Civic Station Foundation Glossary of Universal Core Terms

Purpose

The Civic Station Foundation Glossary of Universal Core Terms provides definitions for commonly used concepts, terminology, and phrases within the Civic Station Universal Core library.

The purpose of the glossary is to create shared understanding and consistent language across the collection.

Why a Shared Glossary Matters

Communities include many different organizations, professions, and perspectives.

Different groups may use different words to describe similar concepts.

A shared glossary helps users:

- Communicate clearly • Understand related documents • Navigate the

library • Connect ideas across systems

Architecture

A structured description of a system, including its purpose, components, relationships, and overall design.

Architecture Framework

A framework that explains how a system is organized and how its major parts connect.

Civic Knowledge

Information that helps people understand civic systems, responsibilities, institutions, and participation.

Civic System

A connected set of people, organizations, responsibilities, resources, and processes that support community functions.

Civic Stewardship

The responsible care, participation, and improvement of systems that support a community.

Community Capacity

The ability of a community to organize, coordinate, respond, and improve.

Continuous Improvement

An ongoing process of learning, evaluating, and strengthening systems over time.

Framework

A structured reference model used to organize understanding, planning, action, or improvement.

Governance

The structures, responsibilities, decisions, oversight, and accountability methods used to guide a system.

Governance Framework

A framework describing leadership, authority, responsibility, and oversight within a system.

Integration

The connection and coordination between related systems, organizations, or activities.

Integration Framework

A framework describing how systems work together and share information, resources, or responsibilities.

Knowledge Library

An organized collection of information resources designed for discovery, learning, and reference.

Operational Manual

A document providing practical guidance, implementation concepts, or operational references.

Operational Framework

A framework describing how activities, processes, and services are carried out.

Performance

The measurement and evaluation of results, outcomes, and effectiveness.

Performance Framework

A framework describing how progress and results are measured.

Planning

The process of defining goals, strategies, priorities, and preparation.

Planning Framework

A framework describing how goals and strategies are developed.

Public Domain Civic Resource

A resource released for broad public access, use, reproduction, and distribution.

Readiness

The ability to prepare for, respond to, and continue functioning during changing conditions.

Readiness Framework

A framework describing preparation, resilience, continuity, and capability.

System

A connected group of parts that work together to perform functions or achieve purposes.

System Family

A group of related documents and frameworks focused on a specific civic area.

Universal Core

The complete Civic Station knowledge framework consisting of foundation documents, operational manuals, architecture frameworks, indexes, and supporting resources.

Version

A specific edition or release of a document that identifies its place in publication history.

Document Series

A group of documents organized around a shared purpose or function.

CSF — Civic Station Foundation

The foundation layer containing introductions, navigation, rights, and stewardship documents.

OM — Operational Manuals

The practical guidance layer containing operational and community capability resources.

CSA — Civic Station Architecture

The structured framework layer describing civic systems and their relationships.

Future Glossary Development

As the Universal Core expands, additional terms may be added.

Future glossary updates should maintain:

- Clear definitions • Consistent terminology • Relationship to existing

documents • Version identification

Archive Information

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Document Information

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Document System Glossary

Title: Document System Glossary

Purpose: Explain the identifiers, series, versions, and reserved positions used to organize the library.

Relationship to Universal Core: This glossary describes the publication system established by CSF-0007, CSF-0008, CSA-008, and related foundation documents.

Term: CS series

Definition: The core Civic Station standards, CS-001 through CS-007.

Related concepts: Standard; foundation; Civic Station

Where to learn more: CSF-0007 and the CS documents.

Term: CSF series

Definition: Forty foundation documents explaining the library's purpose, organization, navigation, publication, preservation, and stewardship.

Related concepts: Foundation; navigation; archive; publication

Where to learn more: CSF-0001 through CSF-0040.

Term: CSA series

Definition: Civic Station Architecture documents and framework families. CSA documents describe system structures, governance, planning, operations, compliance, performance, improvement, readiness, integration, and reserved capacity.

Related concepts: Architecture; framework; Universal Core

Where to learn more: CSF-0017 and CSA-001 through CSA-010.

Term: OM series

Definition: Operational Manuals and handbooks providing practical guidance for roles, programs, systems, and recurring work.

Related concepts: Operations; handbook; implementation

Where to learn more: CSF-0018 and OM-001 through OM-010.

Term: Document ID

Definition: A stable series prefix and number used to identify a document independently of its storage location or format.

Related concepts: Filename; citation; permanent identifier

Where to learn more: CSF-0008 and CSA-008.

Term: Version

Definition: The edition or revision state of a document. A version may change while the permanent document ID remains stable.

Related concepts: Release; revision; historical version

Where to learn more: CSF-0015, CSF-0033, and CSA-008.

Term: Reserved identifier

Definition: A protected number intentionally left without a document so future architecture can expand without renumbering existing materials.

Related concepts: Numbering architecture; expansion; preservation

Where to learn more: CSF-0008, CSA-002, and the reserved-number registry.

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Master Glossary

Title: Master Glossary

Purpose: Provide plain-language definitions for recurring concepts used across the collection.

Relationship to Universal Core: This glossary is a navigation aid. Definitions point to source documents and do not override specialized definitions within those documents.

Term: Architecture

Definition: The organized structure of systems, responsibilities, relationships, and components.

Related concepts: Governance; framework; integration; system

Where to learn more: CSF-0006, CSF-0017, CSA-001, and CSA architecture families.

Term: Framework

Definition: A structured reference for understanding or managing a subject without replacing local law, policy, or procedure.

Related concepts: Architecture; governance; planning; operations

Where to learn more: CSF-0009 and CSA framework-family documents.

Term: Governance

Definition: The assignment of authority, accountability, decision rights, oversight, and stewardship.

Related concepts: Leadership; policy; compliance; responsibility

Where to learn more: CSA governance-position documents and CS-002.

Term: Operations

Definition: The recurring activities, workflows, resources, and controls used to carry out responsibilities.

Related concepts: Planning; procedure; performance; service

Where to learn more: OM-002 and CSA operations-position documents.

Term: Stewardship

Definition: Responsible long-term care of knowledge, resources, institutions, and public trust.

Related concepts: Preservation; governance; continuity; accountability

Where to learn more: CSF-0032, CSF-0037, and CSF-0038.

Term: Capacity

Definition: The people, knowledge, resources, relationships, and systems available to perform work reliably.

Related concepts: Capability; readiness; workforce; resources

Where to learn more: OM capacity handbooks and CSA readiness frameworks.

Term: Integration

Definition: The coordinated connection of components or systems so they can work together while retaining clear roles.

Related concepts: Interoperability; architecture; relationships; coordination

Where to learn more: CSA integration-position documents.

Term: Compliance

Definition: The practice of meeting applicable requirements and documenting how obligations are fulfilled.

Related concepts: Governance; standards; audit; accountability

Where to learn more: CSA compliance-position documents and CSA-024.

Term: Sustainability

Definition: The ability to maintain useful outcomes, resources, and responsibilities over time.

Related concepts: Continuity; stewardship; resilience; improvement

Where to learn more: OM sustainability handbooks and CSA lifecycle frameworks.

Term: Community

Definition: People, institutions, organizations, relationships, and shared systems connected by place, purpose, or civic life.

Related concepts: Civic system; participation; institution; network

Where to learn more: CS-001, CSF-0004, and community-focused OM and CSA documents.

Term: Civic System

Definition: An interconnected set of people, institutions, services, infrastructure, rules, and information supporting civic life.

Related concepts: Community; public service; architecture; governance

Where to learn more: CSF-0005 and CSA system frameworks.

Term: Universal Core

Definition: The shared, modular civic knowledge structure joining foundation, architecture, operations, and navigation materials.

Related concepts: CS; CSF; CSA; OM

Where to learn more: CSF-0001, CSF-0006, and CSA-001.

Term: Readiness

Definition: The degree to which responsibilities, people, information, resources, and controls are prepared for use or change.

Related concepts: Capacity; risk; continuity; performance

Where to learn more: CSA readiness-position documents.

Term: Resilience

Definition: The ability to anticipate, withstand, adapt to, and recover from disruption while preserving essential functions.

Related concepts: Continuity; risk; preparedness; recovery

Where to learn more: CSA resilience frameworks and relevant OM handbooks.

Term: Institutional Memory

Definition: Knowledge preserved so responsibilities, decisions, lessons, and relationships survive staff or leadership changes.

Related concepts: Records; archives; succession; stewardship

Where to learn more: CSF-0032, CSF-0037, and CSF-0038.

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Topic and Source Finder

- Universal Core Records Operations Framework
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- Operations Terms Glossary
- Civic Station Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0
- Continuity And Emergency Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0
- Organizational Resilience And Continuity Of Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0
- Organizational Knowledge Management Operations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0
- Architecture Terms Glossary
- - Civic Station Foundation Csa Architecture Map

- - Civic Station Foundation Glossary Of Universal Core Terms
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Related Publications

- Civic Operations Core (CSUC-OPS-001)
- Records, Knowledge, and Configuration (CSUC-OPS-002)
- Risk, Compliance, and Continuity (CSUC-OPS-003)
- Civic Station Foundations (CSUC-FND-001)
- Core Reference Edition (CSUC-REF-001)

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